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SUBJECT: REOPENING OF TAPLINE

REF: (A) JIDDA 1747 (B) STATE 059121

1. AS REPORTED REF A, SAUDI ARABIA IS PREPARED TO REDUCE TAXES ON TAPLINE CRUDE TO ENABLE THE LINE TO BE REOPENED. SUGGESTION REF B FOR ARAMCO TO WORK OUT PRICE FORMULA THEREFORE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. SAG DOES NOT NEED ARAMCO TO PROVIDE IT WITH FORMULA (IT CAN WORK OUT ONE ITSELF) AND WOULD PROBABLY RESENT IT IF ONE WERE OFFERED GRATUITOUSLY.

2. ARAMCO'S CONCURRENCE IN REOPENING LINE IS STILL CRUCIAL, HOWEVER, AS ISSUE OF PAYMENT FOR OIL ALREADY DELIVERED TO JORDAN AND LEBANON HAS NOT YET BEEN SETTLED. ARAMCO IS NOT ABLE TO ABSORB THE LOSS AND SAUDI ARABIA IS UNWILLING TO.

3. NEXT STEP SHOULD BE FOR JORDAN AND LEBANON (AND SYRIA IF FIRST TWO CAN ENLIST ITS SUPPORT) TO REQUEST
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SAG TO REOPEN LINE. (WHAT ARE THE TWO GOVERNMENTS

DOING, IF ANYTHING ?) THERE MAIN POINT SHOULD BE THAT
THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN TRANSIT FEES BUT IN SUPPLY
OF OIL. BOTH GOVERNMENTS, HOWEVER, MUST BE PREPARED
TO DISCUSS PAYMENT -- AT PREVAILING PRICES -- FOR OIL
THEY HAVE RECEIVED.
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